Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, Mike Gould has devoted his life to the betterment of this state through a 32-year career in nursing; and,

Whereas, In 1965, Mike joined the United States Navy, serving active duty in Vietnam, the Gulf War, Desert Storm and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, as the Officer-in-Charge of a 500-bed Navy Fleet Hospital Detachment; and,

Whereas, Mike's Navy career also brought him to the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he supervised and managed a 40-bed Acute Psychiatry Unit and Substance Abuse Program for 22 years; and,

Whereas, Mike taught mental health nursing courses as an adjunct for The University of South Dakota Department of Nursing from 1989 to 1992, and most recently served as the director of the Vermillion nursing campus, from which he will retire on June 30, 2007; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as governor of the state of South Dakota to recognize Mike's years of service and commitment to the field of nursing as his colleagues, friends and family gather on June 28, 2007, to celebrate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2007, as

MIKE GOULD DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State